



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Howe Hall AIMS

Berkeley

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 427

Principal: Marty French

Superintendent: Dr. J. Chester Floyd

Board Chair: Douglas Cooper

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Good	Average	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Average	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	Good	Below Average	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT

7

GOOD

24

AVERAGE

7

BELOW AVERAGE

2

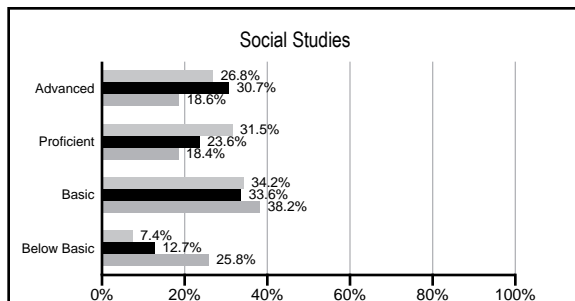
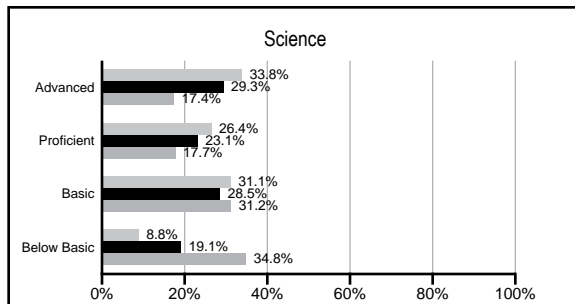
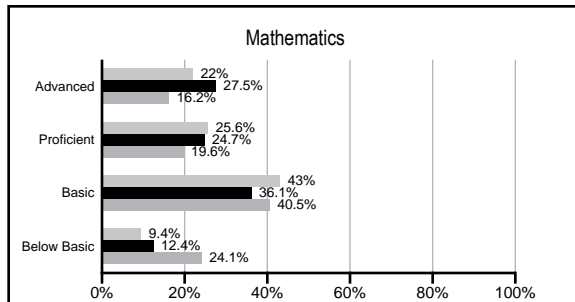
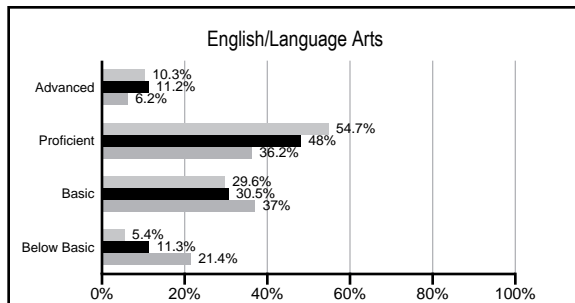
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* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PACT PERFORMANCE

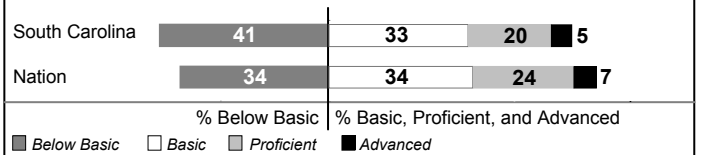
Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



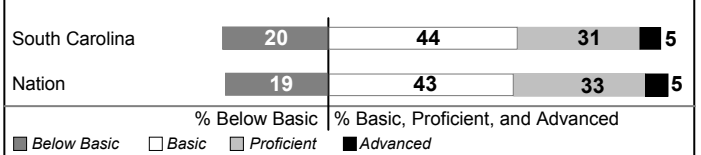
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

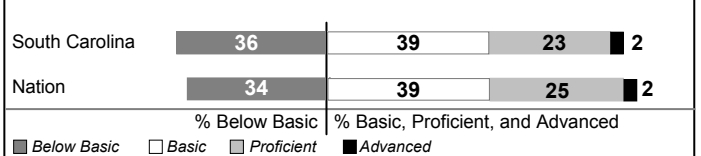
READING – GRADE 4 (2007)



MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)



SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

Howe Hall AIMS [Berkeley]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=427)				
Retention rate	0.9%	Down from 1.7%	1.6%	2.3%
Attendance rate	97.8%	Up from 97.3%	96.7%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	22.4%	Up from 21.7%	20.5%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	2.8%	Down from 5.5%	6.9%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	80.0%	Up from 46.2%	61.1%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	84.0%	Down from 84.6%	82.8%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.1%	Down from 91.9%	88.2%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.3%	Up from 92.5%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$47,768	Up 7.8%	\$47,434	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	No Change	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.7 to 1	Up from 22.0 to 1	20.5 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Up from 87.9%	90.4%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,337	Up 24.2%	\$6,507	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	56.8%	Down from 58.3%	70.5%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	53.2%	Down from 57.6%	65.7%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		94.1%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	20	75	37
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.7%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.0%	97.3%	94.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	94.6%	91.9%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

We are so excited to be a part of the Howe Hall Family! Together we have a great success story with the exceptional creative staff, talented and imaginative students, and supportive and involved parent community. The philosophy that drives our curriculum to create standards-based lessons with infusion of the arts helps create the excitement that we see through the eyes of our students every day. As the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, we reflect on all the wonderful events that have made our school unique. At the beginning of the school year, we were able to purchase new student furniture, install carpeting, and renovate the classroom storage cabinets and paint. This was made possible through district, school, and Parent Teacher Association funds.

We are able to continue our efforts with an emphasis on the arts as a result of the funding through the Distinguished Arts Program and Arts in Basic Curriculum Grant monies. These additional funds enabled us to provide monthly arts awareness performances, artist in residency programs, field experiences, and purchase arts instructional materials and supplies for our students.

Our school has participated in many community outreach programs such as the Grandparents Breakfast, Walk to School South Carolina, Veterans Day Celebration, Food Drive, Toys for Tots, Angel Tree, special packages for our soldiers in Iraq, Jump Rope for Heart, and Pennies for Patients just to name a few. This is a wonderful example of the loving school community we have at Howe Hall AIMS which is always ready to give, and extend a helping hand!

This school year we were recognized as one of the five winners of the Creative Ticket National Schools of Distinction Award, given by John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Our school was represented by a group of the chorus members who traveled to Washington, D.C., to perform. This trip was made possible by the generous donations of our parents and the business community.

We will miss our fifth grade graduation class as they enroll in the middle school at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. We wish you well and it is our hope that you carry with you all the wonderful memories you have helped create at Howe Hall AIMS during the years.

Carolyn A. Morris, Principal
Lori Hunter, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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